

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth; and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion,

wherein the transfer member is placed in direct contact with an external body portion including a cosmetic product applied thereto, and wherein the image of the scanned image data is representative of at least one characteristic of the cosmetic product.

5. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 4, wherein the external portion includes lips and wherein the cosmetic product is one of a lip care product and a lip makeup product.

6. (Original) The process of claim 4, wherein the external portion includes skin and wherein the cosmetic product is foundation makeup.

7. (Original) The process of claim 6, wherein the transfer member is formed of fabric.

8. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein the transfer member is an article of clothing.

9. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 4, wherein the transfer member is a sheet of material, and wherein the process includes placing the sheet of material in contact with lips of the individual and transferring a lip product from the lips to the sheet of material.

10. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 9, wherein the lip product is lipstick.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth; and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion,

wherein the transfer member is a moldable material, and wherein the process includes placing the moldable material in direct contact with the skin of the individual to produce, on the moldable material, the surface profile of the skin.

12. (Withdrawn) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth; and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion,

wherein the transfer member is a window, the window being a portion of the image scanner defining a scanning region.

13. (Withdrawn) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer member is one of a hair comb and a hair brush, wherein the placing of the transfer member in contact with the external body portion includes passing said one of the hair comb and the hair brush through hair, and wherein the transfer image on the transfer member includes at least one of strands of hair and skin cells,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth; and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion.

14. (Withdrawn) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth;

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion;

placing the external portion of the individual in the vicinity of a scanning region of the image scanner; and

scanning the external portion with the image scanner.

15. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, wherein the scanning of the transfer image of the transfer member and the scanning of the external portion occur one of simultaneously and one after another.

16. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, wherein the external portion of the individual is placed into contact with the scanning region of the scanner.

17. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 16, wherein the scanner is a flat bed scanner and wherein the external portion of the individual is moved into contact with the scanning region.

18. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 16, wherein the scanner is a hand-held scanner and wherein the scanner is moved into contact with the external portion of the individual.

19. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, further comprising placing liquid between the external body portion and the scanning region, the liquid altering the index of refraction to improve visualization of said at least one characteristic.

20. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 14, further comprising placing at least one of a dye and a pigment on the external portion to improve visualization of said at least one characteristic.

21-23. (Canceled).

24. (Withdrawn) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the external portion includes at least one strand of hair of the individual,

wherein said at least one strand of hair is one of a strand of hair from the scalp of the individual, an eyelash of the individual, and an eyebrow hair of the individual,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and
wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with
does not include a tooth or teeth; and
scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned
image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of
the external body portion, and/or
at least one product applied to the external body portion.

25. (Currently Amended) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating
to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the
process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so
as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer
member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and
wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with
does not include a tooth or teeth; and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned
image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or
at least one product applied to the external body portion,
wherein the image scanner is associated with a first computer located at a first
location, and wherein the process further comprises transferring the scanned image

data from the first computer to a second computer located at a second location remote from the first location, and

wherein the image scanner is configured in the form of a scanner for scanning documents.

26. (Original) The process of claim 25, wherein the transferring includes transmitting the scanned image data via the Internet.

27. (Original) The process of claim 25, further comprising storing the scanned image data on a data storage medium, wherein the transferring includes shipping the data storage medium to the second location.

28. (Original) The process of claim 25, further comprising transferring questionnaire answers from the first location to the second location, at least some of the questionnaire answers being related to at least one of a condition of the external portion and the product applied to the external body portion.

29. (Original) The process of claim 25, further comprising sending to the second location at least one of billing information and payment information.

30. (Previously Presented) A process of analyzing at least one characteristic of an external body portion of an individual and/or at least one product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

acquiring scanned image data according to the process of claim 25;

displaying an image corresponding to the scanned image data; and

viewing the displayed image to analyze said at least one characteristic.

31. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 30, wherein the image is displayed at the second location.

32. (Original) The process of claim 30, further comprising sending the scanned image data to a plurality of locations so that the at least one characteristic may be analyzed numerous times.

33. (Original) The process of claim 30, further comprising monitoring status of the external portion during treatment of the external portion.

34. (Original) The process of claim 33, further comprising providing a recommendation for a treatment of the external portion based on the monitored status.

35. (Original) The process of claim 33, further comprising providing the individual with information regarding the effectiveness of the treatment.

36. (Original) The process of claim 33, wherein the monitoring includes repeating at least the acquiring.

37. (Previously Presented) A process of analyzing at least one characteristic of an external body portion of an individual and/or at least one product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

acquiring scanned image data, wherein the acquiring comprises

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth, and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of the external body portion, and/or at least one product applied to the external body portion; displaying an image corresponding to the scanned image data; viewing the displayed image to analyze said at least one characteristic; and comparing the displayed image to at least one image formed from image data stored in an image database.

38. (Currently Amended) A process for recommending treatment for an external body portion, the process comprising:

analyzing at least one characteristic of an external body portion wherein the analyzing comprises

acquiring scanned image data, wherein the acquiring comprises

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth;

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to
obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least
one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body
portion;

displaying an image corresponding to the scanned image data; and

viewing the displayed image to analyze said at least one characteristic;

determining a recommendation of at least one treatment for the external portion;

and

providing the treatment recommendation so that the external portion of the
individual may be treated according to the recommendation,

wherein the image scanner is configured in the form of a scanner for scanning
documents.

39. (Original) The process of claim 38, wherein the treatment
recommendation is a recommendation regarding use of at least one of a cosmetic
product and a dermatological product.

40. (Original) The process of claim 39, wherein said at least one of the
cosmetic product and the dermatological product is one of a makeup product, a care
product, a hair product, a skin product, and a sun exposure product.

41. (Original) The process of claim 39, wherein the treatment
recommendation is a recommendation regarding application of said at least one of the
cosmetic product and the dermatological product to the external portion.

42. (Original) The process of claim 38, further comprising providing product ordering information along with the treatment recommendation.

43. (Original) The process of claim 38, wherein the providing of the treatment recommendation includes providing the treatment recommendation to at least one of the individual and a treatment provider.

44. (Original) The process of claim 43, wherein the providing of the treatment recommendation includes transmitting said recommendation to said at least one of the individual and the treatment provider via the Internet.

45. (Original) The process of claim 38, wherein a computer at least partially performs the determining of the treatment recommendation, the computer being located at a location remote from that of the image scanner.

46. (Currently Amended) A process of evaluating a product applied to an external body portion, the process comprising:

analyzing at least one characteristic of a product applied to an external body portion wherein the analyzing comprises

acquiring scanned image data, wherein the acquiring comprises

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth, and

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion;

displaying an image ~~corresponding to~~ formed from the scanned image data; and

viewing the displayed image to analyze said at least one characteristic.

47. (Original) The process of claim 46, wherein the transfer member is placed in contact with an external body portion including a cosmetic product applied thereto, and wherein the scanned image data is representative of at least one characteristic of the cosmetic product.

48. (Currently Amended) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth;

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of

the external body portion, and/or

at least one product applied to the external body portion; and

collecting information relating to the transfer image of the transfer member to form a database for use in at least one of diagnoses, treatment recommendation determinations, product evaluations, and product formulations,

wherein the image scanner is configured in the form of a scanner for scanning documents.

49-58. (Canceled).

59. (Currently Amended) A process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:

placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,

wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,

wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and

wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth;

scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of the external body portion, and/or at least one product applied to the external body portion; and analyzing at least one of the external body portion and the transfer member with analysis equipment, wherein the analysis equipment is chosen from one of a corneometer, a dermal torque meter, ~~an image analyzer~~, a PH meter, and a device for measuring hydration of the skin.

60. (Canceled).

61. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The process for acquiring scanned image data relating to an external body portion and/or a product applied to the external body portion, the process comprising:~~

~~placing a transfer member in contact with an external portion of an individual so as to obtain a transfer image on the transfer member,~~

~~wherein the transfer image is present on the transfer member after the transfer member and the external portion are out of contact with one another,~~

~~wherein the transfer image is not a fingerprint or fingerprints, and~~

~~wherein the external portion that the transfer member is placed in contact with does not include a tooth or teeth;~~

~~scanning the transfer image with an optical image scanner to obtain scanned image data for an image representative of at least one characteristic of the external body portion, and/or~~

~~at least one product applied to the external body portion; and of claim 48,~~
further comprising providing a grade indicative of at least one of the condition of the external portion and performance of the product.

62. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 61, further comprising storing information relating to the grade in a database.

63. (Canceled).